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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 12-20 have been previously allowable and the issue fee was paid on April 21, 2004. Filed concurrently herewith is a Petition to Withdraw Application from Issuance with the support for withdrawing the above referenced Application from issuance provided therein. Applicant was provided a search report from the International Preliminary Examining Authority of the European Patent Office after the issue fee had been paid. Listed on the attached equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are those patents, publications and other information cited in European Patent Office search report and provided to the Applicant(s) which may be considered material to the patentability of the claims of the above-captioned application. Applicant has amended claim 1 to further define the present invention over the art already of record and the references newly cited herewith.

Specifically, as amended, claim 1 calls for an electric shield containing a majority of the internal stud thereon. As shown in Fig. 5 of USP 6,193,548, hereinafter Sigl et al., bulkhead insulator (203) is positioned about receptacle 201, and while it arguably "at least partially surrounds the stud", it does not contain a majority of the internal stud therein as now called for in amended claim 1. As such, Applicant believes claim 1, and those claims that depend therefrom, are patentably distinct over the art of record and the art referenced herewith.

Additionally, Applicant believes claims 12-20, as presented, are patentably distinct over the art newly referenced herein.

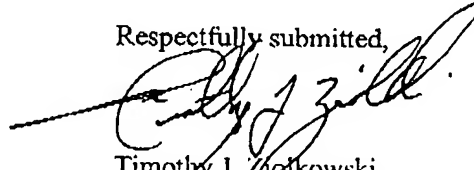
Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-8 and 12-20 and elects the application of the previously paid issue fee to the new Notice of Allowance.

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Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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